

EL PASOANS MUST WATCH WEST TEXAS OIL FIELDS CLOSELY

EVERY citizen of El Paso hopes that Toyah and Pecos will both become centers of the country's greatest oil production areas. El Paso hopes this as ardently as any person in either of the two west Texas towns that are now humming with the activities of oil scouts. Nothing would please El Paso more than to see every person with investments in Pecos and Toyah reap a 1000 percent harvest, for if they did we would profit along with them.

The people of both Pecos and Toyah hope that El Paso will be ready to serve their needs in the event their needs go beyond the point where they can be satisfied at home. As it is El Paso isn't doing that, probably in a measure because the can't. Tools of every description are needed in the two oil excitement towns, as well as other supplies. Fort Worth is three times as far away from Toyah as El Paso. Nevertheless, Fort Worth is going after the business. Dallas is three times as far away from Pecos as El Paso is, but Dallas is going after the business there. When Toyah wants tools and supplies she has to send to Fort Worth or to California after them and the delay is a week and sometimes two and three weeks, and oil men don't like long delays. They want service. What they can get in El Paso they buy here and order shipped by express. The same is true of Pecos, for it is only a little more than a six hour run from El Paso to these two towns.

When El Paso sent 25 business men recently to investigate the oil situation in Toyah and Pecos, Dallas sent 165. Where El Paso sent a special carload of investigators, Dallas sent a special train load.

What Toyah and Pecos believe to be indifference on our part is not, altogether that, it is true. Much of our inability to serve west Texas, particularly in her oil needs, is due to the fact that El Paso herself can't get all of the service she needs from eastern points. Neither can she get the rates that enable her to compete fairly with north Texas towns. Even San Antonio, although not connected directly by rail and twice as far from Pecos and Toyah as El Paso, is trying to find a way to penetrate that part of the country.

All of this means that we must be alert to developments and be prepared to serve that part of Texas that is rightfully in our territory if we would prevent other cities from coming in and taking business away from us.

Nobody wants to see the small investor lose his money. El Paso does not want to profit temporarily by an oil boom that is destined to subside and leave a lot of wrecks behind it. After every angle of the Toyah and Pecos situation has been gone into, the chamber of commerce would do well to pass on it. If it looks as though the oil game offered a fair chance for legitimate change taking, El Paso should participate in that game and not expect to wait until it becomes a cinch and Dallas and Fort Worth have snatched a great opportunity away from us.

The El Paso business men who have visited the fields can enlighten the chamber of commerce enough, perhaps, to enable this organization to render a valuable opinion.

One might infer from the conviction of that Arizona prohibition officer on a white slave charge that it would be a good idea to send an inspector with enforcers of the booze law to enforce the Mann act.

With more water and more power, the southwest will outstrip every other section of the United States in ten years.

Our attitude toward the salaries of our teachers indicates that we do not care whether school keeps or not.

Rosen in German meets eat. No wonder the bolsheviks captured it.

One seldom hears of a fat man sleeping.

Little Interviews.

Williamson Says He Is Flattered At Being Called "Fool" Work Progressing Splendidly On El Paso's Scenic Driveway

THE other day a friend of mine called me a "fart fool" and his face looked as if he intended it, so I decided to see if I could find out what a fool really is, since I do not like flattery, even in disguise," said Thomas H. Williamson.

"Henry VIII was the wisest fool in Christendom, I suppose, because he had sense enough to dispose of one wife when he took another; but Solomon the wisest of all kings at all times made a habit of collecting wives for his harem; or harem? So we see that wisdom and fools can go together."

"After talking to every fool I met, I turned out that several of them had sense in common with me in other directions. Some of them agreed with my ideas, hence could not be fools; others said my motives were crazy, so I know they were fools. Thus, one is a fool if he misunderstands you, or if you do not understand him."

"Cannibals will not knowingly eat a fool. I am sure I would not be safe and my nationality would not be out of the Irish street. Even civilized folk are less barbarous to a lunatic than to a normal one. I have seen a treatment one can take as a cheerful idiot—I know. No matter how happy a fool may be, we must feel sorry for him, because the chances are he doesn't know why he is happy."

"Fools are mostly masculine; women may be crazy, but are never fools. Some fools are born, some are made—self-made, I'd say—while others have foolishness forced on them."

Many of these class are overburdened with brains; the machinery is beyond control, and the result is a fool. To be a fool to his friends is the reckless speed of his thought gets beyond a normal mind's grasp.

"Fancy and genius are similar in many ways, a successful fool has a genius. When a man has individuality, he is apt to be considered a fool. The student of the sciences is a fool to his friends; the reckless speed of his thought gets beyond a normal mind's grasp."

"I am flattered by my friend when he calls me a 'fool,' he asserts I am the proud possessor of an ego of my own. He says—but may not know it—that I am more than just one of the millions—I am myself. But I must caution him, for I am not overdoing it; moderation in all things is desirable. When a crank becomes a lunatic his madness is a hindrance to his work. We need more fools of the right sort."

"Work is getting along fine on the scenic driveway," said city engineer W. C. Stewart. "One of the contractors which has been making splendid showing already. The other contractor with 100 men will make another good showing at the close of this week. At this rate the roadway of the scenic driveway will be completed by August 1, the time specified in the contract."

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The Newberry Case.

THE mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceeding fine." These mills have just ground out a verdict of guilty in the Newberry case. It is such a verdict that keeps alive the confidence the American people have in free institutions; particularly in the republican form of government. For the last years most of us have been skeptical of the chances justice had of prevailing in our political affairs. And too often our skepticism is justified. But somehow the guilty often have a way of getting caught and the innocent of being vindicated. When we see such instances our faith is renewed.

Truman H. Newberry is a millionaire. He also qualified as a "patriot." Indeed, he claimed to have a monopoly on nearly all of the patriotism in Michigan. During the war he was a lieutenant commander in the navy. On the other hand, Henry Ford was denounced roundly and loudly as an anarchist. We pictured his silver factory as surrounded by fluttering flags of red, while we visualized the patriotic lieutenant commander Newberry as fairly oozing with income and surrounded by a holy aura of righteousness. The fact that the pious land skipper was a professional politician and never had been much else was overlooked and he got the seat in the senate. Now a jury says he bought it.

Unfortunately, we probably will not profit by these occasional political lessons. There was Lorimer, of Illinois. There was Burton, of Kansas. They, as well as Newberry, were politicians. They lived by, for and off of politics. Each led his docile flock after the shepherdly manner of our own Joe Bailey. Now and then a business man, quiet, unobtrusive and constructive, essays to make the race for some high office. The fact that a candidate is a big business man is taken ipso facto to mean that he is a grafter and a profiteer and a plutocrat. We nearly always put such a man out of the running as soon as possible and hand the prize to the howling dervish who opposes him. Then we wonder why politics is corrupt.

And we are going to do it again. We either give our biggest honor jobs to the loudest speakers selected by the "old guard" or when we become thoroughly disgusted with such business we give them to whispering theorists. In either case the mistake is just as bad.

What a difference it would make if we would have presence of mind enough in any election to select the man best fitted by experience, education, temperament and inclination to handle the job aspired to. The slogan, "I am an American" is not enough.

If we are to get rid of the Lorimers, the Burtons and the Newberrys we must place all of the dependence upon the courts. We must first make it practically impossible for a grafter, a vote buyer and a "patriotic" charlatan to get into office. But when they do get into office, we ought to be thankful we can detect, remove and punish a few of them.

In addition to our other generals, we have recently had a general demotion in our army.

If beer and light wine should come back, they are going to find the old place changed.

People who come to El Paso to cough usually remain to get well and build homes.

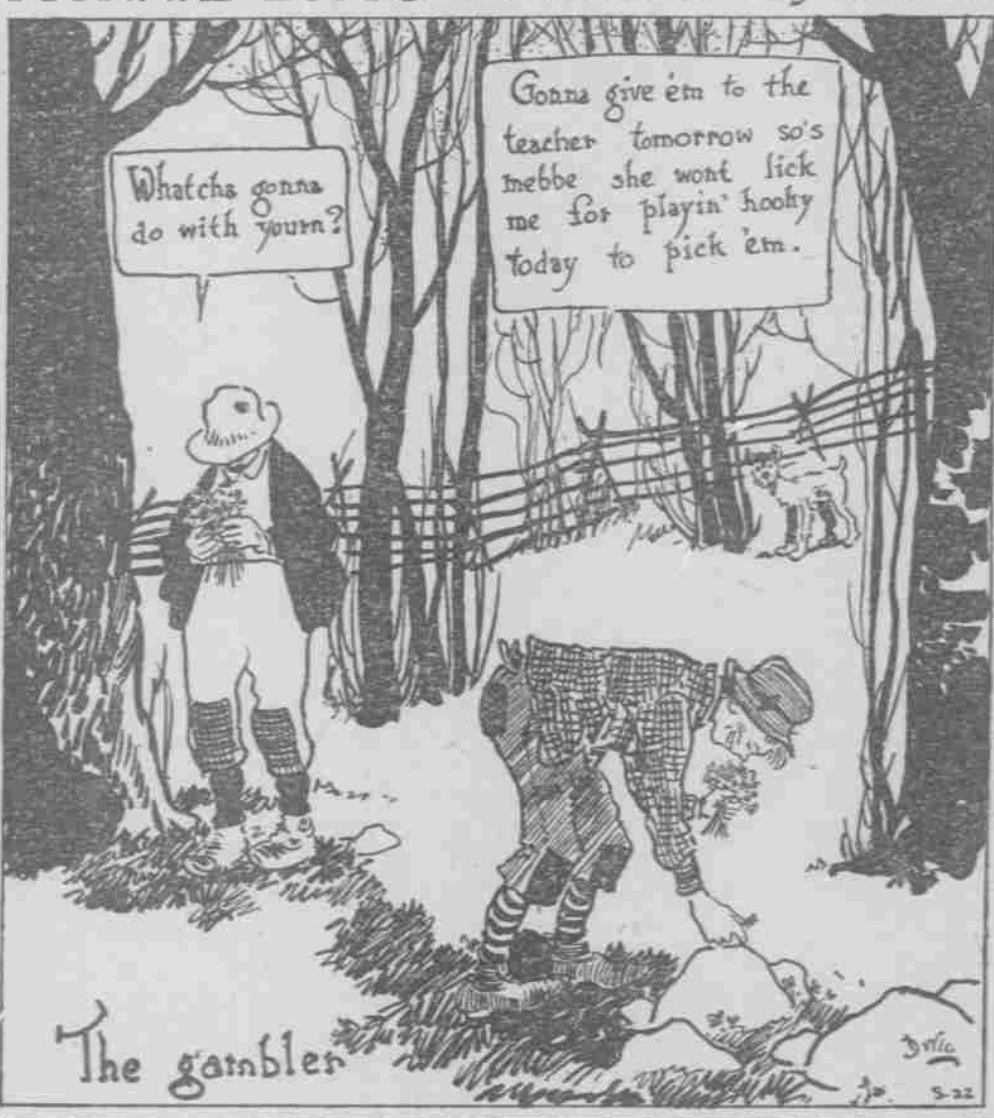
He may run for a third term on the ground that "he kept us out of peace."

Style is the dress of thoughts.

—Earl of Chesterfield.

SCHOOL DAYS

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THE GAMBLER

stood at the finish. The race sometimes last about five days, but the distance has been covered in 70 hours. About five and one half miles per hour in the average race.

Q. Are any members of the president's cabinet Catholics? S. H. N. A. There are no Catholics in the president's cabinet. The highest officials in the government of that faith are Justice White, of the supreme court; John Burke, treasurer of the United States; and William C. Clegg, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Patter And Chatter

By S. E. RISER.



If Things Don't Please You, Get Out.

SUPPOSE that when the Pilgrims came And found that certain things were wrong The aborigines cried:

"Folks, if you can't be satisfied, Perhaps you'd better run along. We didn't send you word to come, So pay attention while we shout: If things ain't as you like them here, Pack up your traps and disappear! Confound your impudence, get out!"

I would have been a luckless day If when the aborigines, Who were so goodly, had been so goodly, Had purposes that didn't please, The Pilgrims all had sailed away To seek the huskiest overseas.

THE Tories probably meant well— Their loyalty was deep and true; But looking back on what befall! It seems as if a pint or two May have escaped them—who can tell? Perhaps the case is clear to you.

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Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON.

A Windy Day

THE wind was blowing hard today, it nearly blew my rags away; it filled my ears with sand and dust, there was a kick to every gust; it lifted off my only tile, and carried it about a mile; to keep it from abducting me, I had to anchor to a tree. With hair and sideboards twisted loose, perhaps I had a good excuse to sin a while as others sinned, and curse the blasted disfigured wind. But I was tempted much to sing, for winds are harbingers of spring; they come before the gentle rains that bring the verdure to the plains; they are heralds of the time when roses make the world gay and all the air with gladness throbs, and daisies bloom, and daisies bloom, and daisies bloom, in a meadow through a fence, it raged as though it had no sense, it damped me in a muddy pool hard by the village eighth grade school; it split and spoiled my Sunday coat, and wound my shirt around my throat; it hustled me all over town, then took and stood me upside down; and still, until my voice grew hoarse, I loudly blessed its pep and force, for it was proof, and something more, that spring was smiling at the door.

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